JAN 2 7 2004

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

TANG ET AL.

Examiner:

M. HADDAD

TA TRADE! Serial No.:

09/965,528

Group Art Unit:

1644

Filed:

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2001** 

Docket No.:

11669.125USWO

Confirmation No.:

3765

Customer No.:

23552

Title:

EXTRACELLULAR SIGNALING MOLECULES

## CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

'Express Mail' mailing label number: EV 372668044 US

Date of Deposit: January 27, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the

Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sheryl A. Boerboom

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 28, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 28, 2003 to January 28, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

01/29/2004 YPOLITE1 00000043 09965528

02 FC:1253

950.00 OP

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.

P.O. Box 2903

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903

(612) 332-5300

Makin M. Kowalengk Katherine M. Kowalchyk

Reg. No.: 36,848

KMK:sab